



# Families' Bulletin - Monday 17 to Friday 21 April 2023

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Families

We are at the end of another busy term and with that comes the excitement of our next edition of [Sackville News](#) where you can see and read more of what our students have been doing over the past half term.

I wrote to staff earlier today to thank them for the hard work and energy they have brought to the students this term. Whilst we may not always get everything right, we are fortunate to have staff with the level of commitment and wanting the very best for our students, that ours do.

Kindness and appreciation go a long way and it really makes a difference to both our teaching and support staff. Never has that been more important than now as we have reached such a critical point in the UK with a staggering 30% or more of teachers leaving the profession within their first 5 years.

So, my final thank you goes to you and to those parents/carers who have taken the time to say thank you this term, either verbally at consultation evenings and events or in writing. It really is appreciated.

On behalf of all of the staff at Sackville, we thank you for your support and wish you all a very happy and restful Easter break.

**Jo Meloni**  
Headteacher

## Key Dates for the Diary

Monday 3 April – Friday 14 April	EASTER HOLIDAY
Monday 17 April	Beginning of the Summer Term
Wednesday 19 April	<b>Year 7</b> Information Evening - 6.00pm to 7.00pm
Thursday 20 April	<b>Year 9</b> Tetanus, Diphtheria, Polio and Meningitis Vaccinations
Wednesday 26 April	<b>Year 10</b> Information Evening – 5.30pm to 6.30pm
Thursday 27 April	<b>Year 11</b> Pre-Exam Parent Information Evening – 5.30pm to 6.30pm
Monday 15 May	<b>Year 11</b> Start of the GCSE Exams
Wednesday 21 June	<b>Year 11</b> GCSE Exams End
Wednesday 28 June	<b>Year 11</b> Contingency Day
Thursday 24 August	<b>Year 11</b> Results Day – from 10.00am

You can view the full parents' calendar [here](#)

## Hot Chocolate with the Head



The final Hot Choc Friday was spent with Joseph in year 7 and two sixth form students Tori and Eddie. All three students are an absolute credit to the school and have shown real ambition, positivity and teamwork. Both Tori and Eddie helped with our recent recruitment process to find new librarians for the school and really enjoyed working with the younger students on the panel. What great role models they are. Joseph also helped on a student panel recently and was nominated for his positivity and resilience. Thank you to Mrs Clark for coming along to join us.

We are very proud of them all.

Jo Meloni



## Current Vacancies

One of the many great features of Sackville School is the fact that many colleagues do stay here a long time. Unfortunately for us, that does mean that we have a number of staff who are reaching retirement now or in the near future, both teaching and support staff. This will result in a number of vacancies becoming available over the coming weeks, months and years.

**If you or someone you know are thinking of joining our team** and are interested in any of the positions below, please follow the corresponding link. If the perfect role isn't listed below, but you know someone who shares our vision and ethos and is interested in joining our team, please do **enquire via the vacancies page on our website** so that we can get in touch if something comes up in the future.

- [Assistant Headteacher](#)
- [Leader of Chemistry](#)
- [SEND Secretary](#)
- [Study Supervisor](#)
- [School Cleaners](#)

Please follow the appropriate link to view any current vacancies within [teaching](#) and [support staff](#) areas of the school.

## Extra Curricular Activities

### Summer Term Timetable

We offer a wide range of after school activities at Sackville. You can browse through all the clubs, by year group, via the website parent link [HERE](#).

If you have any questions regarding a particular activity, please contact the member of staff who is running the club.

## Year Group Notices

### Youth Mental Health First Aid Training–Monday 27 & Tuesday 28 February–Year 12

I am delighted to inform you that earlier this half term I delivered Youth MHFA training to eight Sackville staff, the last time I did this was pre-pandemic and in the autumn of 2019! We now have 35 staff, across a variety of roles, within our community who are trained in Youth Mental Health First Aid. Each of the delegates gave a lot to both days in which we cover hard hitting topics. The shared interest, passion, experience and knowledge in the room made the two days a joy to lead and facilitate. It was a pleasure to get great feedback too:

*"Fantastic course with a good balance of theory, practical and discussion. Really beneficial for those working with young people: especially in the current context."*

*"The course was so interesting - and enlightening with regards to issues and early warning signs of mental health. It has given me a lot of confidence that I now know how to deal with students going forward."*

I had planned to deliver another round of training in March but an unfortunate incident with tree roots, gravity and my elbow meant I was unable to, rest assured this training will be re-arranged so that even more of our community are Mental Health First Aiders.

Finally, I would like your help.....I would love deliver the training to students in **year 12**. I have had a couple of students come forward but not enough to meet the minimum threshold for me to deliver the course (MHFA rules, not mine). If your child would be interested in completing two days training in the summer term, please let me know or ask them to get in touch. If you would like to know more about the course, you can find it [here](#).

Hannah Nibloe  
Inclusion Manager

### Find It out Thursdays – All Year Groups

Your child has the opportunity on Thursday's lesson 5 to come and hear from people in different industries. They can find out from the people that know what that profession is like, ask them questions, start to explore different careers available and consider if they are right for them. We invite a different profession each week and your child is able to sign up for one talk, each half term.

Please encourage your child to sign up and use these opportunities to start investigating the different careers.



This half term we have:

- Thursday 27 April 2023 - Jonathan Ramsden for the Cats Protection League to talk about the work they do. Do you love animals and want to help them? Jonathan will talk about the jobs available from caring for the animals through to the behind the scene roles that keep charities running.
- Thursday 4 May 2023 - Army. The roles and opportunities are endless, training to be a soldier, medic, animal welfare to office based roles. Come and hear from those in the know there are so many roles and positions that could be right for you.
- Thursday 11 May 2023 - Mark Grist - **After school from 3.00pm**. Come and hear from this multi-award-winning poet, rapper and storyteller. Mark is an accomplished writer and inspirational speaker. Take this opportunity to hear how you can develop your writing skills from someone who knows.
- Thursday 25 May 2023 - Matt Brown talking about the vast amount of opportunities in the automotive industry from training to be a mechanic through to the sales and marketing side of the industry. If you have a love for engines or want to use your creative side to sell, come and find out what positions would suit you.

If your child is interested in any of these talks please ask them to sign up using this [Link](#). Remember you can sign up for one talk.

Helen Smith  
Futures Leader

## Wellbeing



March is coming to an end, and all around me I see signs of spring; daffodils, magnolias and cherry blossom to name a few. I am yet to see my first lamb of the season, hopefully that will change over the next couple of weeks. With a new month comes a new Action for Happiness calendar. The theme of **Active April** is one that I will be hoping to make the most of after some rest and recuperation for the Spring term! Please see the calendar below:

Mrs Hannah Nibloe, Inclusion  
Manager





## External Clubs, Events and Services



COACHING & EDUCATION



**CAMP HIGHLIGHTS**

- Skills Workshop
- Tournament against EGTFC Players
- Star Player Awards

BOYS & GIRLS 8 TO 16 YRS



FOUNDED 1981  
EAST GRINSTEAD TOWN F.C.

### FOOTBALL COACHING CAMP

**£20 PER PLAYER**

Tuesday 11th April 2023

10am - 3pm  
East Grinstead Sports Club

To book please email :  
[Bookings@idsportscoaching.com](mailto:Bookings@idsportscoaching.com)



COACHING & EDUCATION

TUESDAY 11TH APRIL 2023  
10AM - 3PM  
EAST GRINSTEAD SPORTS CLUB

### Netball Camp

Age 8-14

FIRST CLASS COACHING  
MATCH PLAY  
FUN GAMES  
PLAYER OF THE DAY PRIZES

**£20 per player**

To Book : email  
[Bookings@idsportscoaching.com](mailto:Bookings@idsportscoaching.com)



## SELF DEFENCE & PERSONAL SAFETY WORKSHOPS

### EASTER HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS FOR TEENS (11+)



✓ REALISTIC PHYSICAL DEFENCE SKILLS	✓ DE-ESCALATION TECHNIQUES
✓ SITUATIONAL AWARENESS	✓ SURVIVAL MINDSET
✓ CONFIDENCE STRATEGIES	✓ USE OF FORCE & THE LAW

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**Teens (11+) self defence** **Weds 12 April**  
2pm - 5pm FOREST ROW

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**Thurs 13 April** **Teens (11+) self defence**  
2pm - 5pm OXTED

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For more information & to book:  
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[activelysafeuk@gmail.com](mailto:activelysafeuk@gmail.com)




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### Medication



To ensure that we continue to support students when they are unwell, we need to make sure our records are up-to-date. As a school we will continue to administer ad-hoc medication as per the consent slip you have completed. If you wish for this to change, please contact the relevant year team. Should your child be diagnosed with any new medical condition please contact us. In addition, should your child's medical condition change (i.e., they no longer need to use their inhaler) please contact their year team.

**We will continue to provide the support and medical assistance you have already agreed to unless we hear from you.**

### Illness

In order to keep the more vulnerable members of our school community safe, a reminder to inform the school if your child contracts any of the following: Chickenpox, Shingles, Measles or Mumps. Please call the relevant year office, thank you in advance.

